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Whether one is a specialist working in any of the fields of health and medicine or someone who wants nontechnical answers to health- or medical-related questions, this book guides users through the search methods to the materials, people, or other resources they seek. Included in this book are step-by-step instructions in finding health and medical information; strategies for finding research resources and consumer information; tips on how to evaluate information retrieved on the Internet, how to find physicians, hospitals, and other specialists and organizations, and how to join electronic discussion groups; practice exercises in using Internet services, including live chat; and core medical and health Web sites that connect to quality resources. The unique feature of the book is its dual format: the book and its companion Web version. The book contains a full workshop designed to replicate Diane Kovacs's live class, including lectures with overheads that cover timeless concepts and strategies; exercises and instructions for executing them online; a collection of "pulsepoints" that serve as a starting point for Web searches; a glossary; a bibliography of resources for learning more; and an index. Its counterpart on the Web includes everything in the printed version. (AEF)

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